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The Government boasts of having a surplus. Nearly one million, they say, see how we are a business-like Government!

Not as much as that, and we are going to prove it.

Does the Government derive its income from the resources of the Province, that is by making the best of and developing our national wealth?

Not in the least.

The Government has a surplus? Is it due to its progressive and business-like policy?

The Government has a surplus, because the income derived from taxes has increased.

Taxes! The Liberal chiefs, themselves, who protested against taxes and vituperated taxes in 1897! and who then bound themselves to abolish these "damned taxes!" if they came to power.

The people have brought them into power. Have they abolished the taxes? Far from that. They are collecting millions of dollars over and above what the so called "taxers" were collecting in 1897.

The proof of the above can be found in the minutes of the Legislative Assembly, in the year 1912, at page 596, Mr. Tellier, leader of the Opposition, put the following questions to the Government:

By Mr. Tellier:—What has been, each year, from the 1st July, 1892, to the 1st July, 1911, the total of the provincial revenue derived from the following different sources, to wit:

1. Taxes on Commercial Corporations;
2. Taxes on Estates;
3. Contributions of municipalities and interested parties for the maintenance of public patients in the insane asylums;
4. Contribution for reformatories and industrial schools;
5. Taxes on transfers of property;
6. Licenses levied on business and manufacturing concerns;
7. Taxes on certain persons;
8. Taxes on automobiles;
9. Taxes on transfers of shares, bonds, etc;
10. Taxes or fees on permits granted to insurance companies and benevolent societies?

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	Commercial corporations	Estates	Taxes on municipalities for the maintenance of the insane	Reform schools	Transfer of real estate	Commerce and Manufacture	Taxes on certain persons	Automobiles	Taxes on bond sales	Taxes or licenses of insurance companies and mutual societies
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1892-93	$ 138,925 71	$ 40,313 59	$ 26,537 87	$ 77 64	$ 292,001 65	$ 145,608 87	$15,667 64		.....	430 00
1893-94	149,854 50	149,823 46	19,363 15	2,280 06	246,860 50	106,428 45	15,293 70		.....	520 84
1894-95	160,756 16	192,535 50	21,848 28	5,688 51	185,870 70	121,932 96	17,059 29			429 16
1895-96	148,643 86	163,365 33	35,083 69	12,366 76	184,254 50	79,728 52	17,507 67			400 00
1896-97	134,404 03	229,441 72	9,342 57	923 72	73,856 99	10,393 77	3,507 74			376 33
1097-98	194,312 36	163,455 26	64,672 48	36,386 85	2,055 81	29,846 74	1 380 18			397 86
1898-99	172,626 04	287,995 63	46,872 27	19,677 44	277 10	7,347 64	686 43			429 35
1899-1900	186,598 39	270,865 58	79,713 87	23,176 22	139 80	1,383 09	16 00			546 81
1900-01	214,157 63	163,511 38	71,338 51	23,585 03	137 10	372 00	9 50			472 01
1901-02	231,695 13	222,763 73	79,624 48	24,539 68	106 30	110 00	.....			637 06
1902-03	226,338 23	153,820 55	89 486 58	20,893 36	153 20	.....	.....			447 45
1903-04	260,515 88	449,532 47	92,094 07	23,109 23	42 60	.....	.....			609 13
1904-05	303,882 43	183,382 19	116,030 34	23,448 51	5 30	.....	.....			503 91
1905-06	314,930 13	421,348 12	104,020 63	23,984 07	20 40	.....	.....	1,710 00	33,386 66	643 40
1906-07	464,362 29	568,278 63	112,542 00	26,660 67	29 00	.....	.....	2,826 00	38,654 81	1,871 95
1907-08	565,591 33	620 916 04	123,408 71	27,748 63	3 30	.....	.....	5,345 55	29,387 0[illegible]	892 47
1908-09	653,341 75	634,455 18	140,450 30	28,504 61	13 00	.....	.....	8,747 25	60,020 10	11,196 42
1909-10	688 152 30	838,334 57	170,877 43	29,627 00	140 80	.....	.....	11,048 00	76,516 84	26,391 98
1910-11	712,118 46	1,072,027 20	149,521 56	30,833 37	49 80	.....	.....	26,618 59	65,912 16	22,693 55

NOTE:—No. 5. Taxes on property mutations have been abolished by law, 60 Vic., chap. 12, sanctioned on January 9, 1897, by the Conservative Government.

No. 6. License of commerce and manufactures, and

No. 7. Taxes on certain persons have been abolished by law, 59 Vict., chap. 16, that came in force on October 1st, 1896, from which date arrears have been collected.

In 1907, the Prime Ministers of all the Provinces of Canada claimed from the Federal Government an increased subsidy. The Federal Government has granted their request. And the Government draws today a few hundred thousand dollars more than in 1897. But it is always the people's money which they collect. It is the people's money which is deposited with the Federal Government.

In his speech on the Budget, made on the 25th January last, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Provincial Treasurer, stated that by that amendment to the Act of British North America, "THE SUBSIDY AND THE ALLOWANCE WERE RAISED TO $1,559,118.40, SAY AN INCREASE OF $59,965.00. FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS, THE SUBSIDY AND THE ALLOWANCE SHALL BE $1,844,244.00 PER ANNUM, OR AN INCREASE OF $285,125.00 PER ANNUM, OR $884,991.20 OVER THE AMOUNT COLLECTED EACH YEAR BEFORE 1907."

In 1897 the Conservative Government collected $463,246.87.

In 1912, the Liberal Government collected $2,079,773.69, or a difference of $1,616,526.82, a difference of a million and a half each year.

And note well, electors, the Federal Government gives us, apart from that each year $884,991.20 more than in 1897. The Liberal Government thus collects at the present time, from the Federal Government and from the people $2,501,518.02 over and above the amount collected by the Conservative Government in 1897.

Over two and a half million dollars, and the Government boasts of a surplus of about one million!

It means that if the Gouin Government did not receive from Ottawa the annual grant of $884,991.20, and if they did not collect by means of taxes $1,616,526.87 more than in 1897, they would have a deficit of over ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!

It is by the taxes that they maintain their surplus. Why did they refuse last year to abolish the tax on Estates as was asked by the Sauvé motion? Because they did not want to be deprived of the revenue derived from said taxes.

It is a Government of TAXERS and of ARCHITAXERS we have.

THE LIABILITIES.

The Provincial Debt.

The Government boasts of having diminished the liabilities of the Province? It is true, but by diminishing the assets, they also decreased the liabilities. The Province owes less, but the amount owed to it by its debtors is also less.

THE TRUE LIABILITIES.

But what the Gouin Government neglects to tell the people, it is the figure of their actual debt. They conceal the true liabilities of the Province. In 1908, they decided not to include any longer in the liabilities what we owe for railway grants. And the Government granted in 1908, three million acres of land to the railway companies. It does not appear in the debt. It is concealed behind the Budget.

The Government does not either speak of the million they have borrowed on the sly through corporations who exist only on paper. It is a nominal corporation who floats the loan, but it is the Government which is responsible for the same; the corporation being utterly irresponsible. The members of such corporations are merely representatives of the Government.

How much has the Government borrowed through such Corporations? How much for the Technical Schools? Of Montreal $775,000.00, of Quebec $500,000.00, for the school of higher studies $500,000.00.

The prison at Bordeaux will cost over $3,000,000.00 (three millions of dollars), but the Government conceals the cost thereof because it perfectly knows that this liability, with which it is burdened, affects the credit of our Province. Well, such is the Government of business men we have.

The people should not be satisfied with it, it is impossible.

CABINET OF ASSASSINS.

A Nice Pair—Letters From Minister Caron.

The Conservative members were reproached with having accepted in their ranks Liberals who were disgusted of the Gouin Government.

Our opponents say:

"The Opposition is composed both of Conservatives and Liberals, and what can we expect from a group of men of so different an origin?"

On the other hand, who are they?

Are they all Liberals, those who form part of Sir Lomer's Cabinet? Let us see:

Jérémie Décarie, formerly a Conservative; Mackenzie, f[illegible] ay a Conservative. Finally our Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Joseph Edouard Caron, who is far from being a thoroughbred. He is a crossbred.

Liberal Mr. Caron! That man who bound himself to politically assassinate Laurier, if he was the only man left to overthrow the Liberal Chief!

You are astonished, electors? Well, read very attentively the two following statements:

"I am against the politics of the present federal administration.

"If I am elected member for L'Islet, I bind myself to support a Conservative Government; I furthermore bind myself to vote against the present Government, even if my only vote would be sufficient to constitute a majority against the Laurier Government and place into power a new administration.

"On the other hand, if the existing Government is maintained into power by a sufficient majority to enable them to manage the public affairs, I will support the Government as regards the measures which I will deem advantageous to my country, while remaining independent and considering myself in no wise bound towards such Government.

"Sainte-Louise, 17th September, 1900.

"(Signed) Jos. Ed. Caron."

Jos. Ed. Caron is our Minister of Agriculture? This is not possible you will say? Yes, he is the man whom the Liberal, the scrupulous Mr. Gouin, has invited to form part of his Cabinet. Nice man, this Mr. Joseph Edouard Caron who plays double game, plays the hypocrite, calls himself a "Liberal" when, in face of Conservatives he binds himself in writing to overthrow Sir Wilfrid Laurier if possible.

A typical traitor!

Called upon to explain his pitiful position he says he has been compelled to act as he has done, but that he regretted it immediately after.

Joker!

Two years later, Joseph Edouard Caron, at last elected member for Quebec, published in L'Evénement, Conservative newspaper of Quebec, the following letter:

"Mr. Editor,

"I would have preferred not to write in the newspapers when I have just received an unanimous testimonial of confidence from my electors of L'Islet, but, it is impossible for me to be loyal towards the Conservative party, to let it be said that I have been elected as a supporter of the Government.

"I did not run as 'Liberal' candidate and I have not been elected as such; I ran as an independent.

"I am ready to support the Government in their good measures, but I reserve all my independence, which has so well served me since six years, and with which both parties have accepted in the election which has just been held.

"Yours truly,

"(Signed) JOS. ED. CARON, M.P.P."

Here is a fine sample of the sincerity of all these good Liberals who form part of the Gouin Cabinet!

Cabinet composed of hypocrites, knaves and political assassins.

Lomer Gouin and J. Ed. Caron are a nice pair, birds of one feather flock together.

Gouin assassinates Parent, and Caron binds himself to kill Laurier!

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